

Appl. NO. 09/422,107
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APPLICANT'S RESPONSE

Applicant's agent acknowledges with appreciation the interview extended by the examiner on August 21, 2001. Pursuant to the understanding reached between applicant's agent and the examiner, applicant has amended the specification and the claims, accordingly. I hope that the application is placed in a more favorable position.

Comments

The drawings and claims 1-12 are finally objected to. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC § 112. Claims 1 and 9 are finally rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Lovell ('281); and claims 2-8 are finally rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Bruin et al ('425). Claims 10-12 are not finally rejected over the prior art.

The objection to the parenthetical term "(boards)" is corrected by changing the term "boxes" to "boards" and deleting boxes in claims 1-9. In reference to the final objection to improper multiple claim dependency for claim 10 through 12, the embodiments of these claims are incorporated into several independent claims. In regard to the phraseology "perpendicular-like", in claims 1 through 9, the ending language "...-like" is deleted. Arguments are resented in reference to the drawings and the prior art.

Amendment to the specification

Delete in its entirety the "Abstract (Amended)" on page 1 in the specification, and substitute with the new abstract, presented on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.52 (b)(1) as required by the examiner.

Correct the term "Prensent" in the heading "SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION".